

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01349-KBJ**

SPARACINO PLLC v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE

Assigned to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/08/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/08/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6112629) filed by SPARACINO PLLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 8, # <u>9</u> Exhibit 9, # <u>10</u> Exhibit 10, # <u>11</u> Exhibit 11, # <u>12</u> Exhibit 12, # <u>13</u> Exhibit 13, # <u>14</u> Exhibit 14, # <u>15</u> Exhibit 15, # <u>16</u> Exhibit 16, # <u>17</u> Exhibit 17, # <u>18</u> Exhibit 18, # <u>19</u> Exhibit 19, # <u>20</u> Exhibit 20, # <u>21</u> Exhibit 21, # <u>22</u> Exhibit 22, # <u>23</u> Exhibit 23, # <u>24</u> Exhibit 24, # <u>25</u> Exhibit 25, # <u>26</u> Exhibit 26, # <u>27</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>28</u> Summons)(Branson, Joshua) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Andrew Edward Goldsmith on behalf of SPARACINO PLLC (Goldsmith, Andrew) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew M. Duffy on behalf of SPARACINO PLLC (Duffy, Matthew) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/09/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. (zrdj) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrdj) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/31/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benton Gregory Peterson on behalf of All Defendants (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 05/31/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/13/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/12/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Duffy, Matthew) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General May 13, 2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Duffy, Matthew) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 5/13/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Duffy, Matthew) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>9</u>	GENERAL ORDER AND GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO FOIA CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON. The Court will hold the parties and counsel responsible for following these directives, and parties and counsel should pay particular attention to the Court's instructions for processing and production of records, batching motions, and filing exhibits. Failure to adhere to this Order may, when appropriate, result the imposition of sanctions and/or sua sponte denial of non-conforming motions. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 6/5/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/11/2019	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 06/11/2019)
06/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before 6/20/2019. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 6/12/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/20/2019	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 06/20/2019)
06/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall review this Court's <u>9</u> General Order and Guidelines Applicable to FOIA Cases, and promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for disclosure or briefing motions for summary judgment, on or before 7/8/2019. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 6/21/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 06/21/2019)

07/08/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposed Schedule</i> by SPARACINO PLLC. (Branson, Joshua) (Entered: 07/08/2019)
07/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 8/1/2019, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 7/12/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
08/01/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposed Schedule</i> by SPARACINO PLLC. (Branson, Joshua) (Entered: 08/01/2019)
08/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 8/30/2019, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 8/2/2019. (lckbj2) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/30/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposed Schedule</i> by SPARACINO PLLC. (Branson, Joshua) (Entered: 08/30/2019)
09/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 9/30/2019, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 9/11/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 09/11/2019)
09/30/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SPARACINO PLLC. (Branson, Joshua) (Entered: 09/30/2019)
10/03/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 11/1/2019, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 10/3/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 10/03/2019)